



# MINUTES

## Special Meeting

### Reno City Council

Friday, February 27, 2015 • 3:30 PM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

#### Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus

Ward 4 – Paul McKenzie

Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr

Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon

Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado

At-Large – David Bobzien

#### Agenda Items

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2 Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Hillary Schieve	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Councilmember	Present	
Naomi Duerr	Councilmember	Present	
Oscar Delgado	Councilmember	Present	
Paul McKenzie	Councilmember	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Councilmember	Absent	
David Bobzien	Councilmember	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

*The meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM.*

**3 Public Comment**

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

**4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - February 27, 2015.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Oscar Delgado, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Bobzien
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Neoma Jardon

**5 Update, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature. (For Possible Action)**

The Council agreed to cancel the Friday, April 10, 2015 Special meeting.

Scott Gilles, Legislative Relations Program Manager, discussed the matrix of the Bills

that was prepared by staff and distributed to the Council.

Regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 54, which revises provisions by which local governments in a severe financial emergency may receive financial and other assistance from the Department of Taxation and Committee on Local Government Finance, Mr. Gilles said that the City Attorney's Office sees no implications as the Bill is written, and it does not materially impact the current fiscal conditions of the City of Reno. No position was taken the last time the Bill was discussed, and the Council agreed to continue to take no position on AB54.

Mr. Gilles discussed the proposed benefits of, and support for, Senate Bill (SB) 51, the Main Street Program, which was heard on February 19, 2015. The Program would be processed through the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Council Member Brekhus discussed her support for SB51.

It was moved by Council Member Brekhus, seconded by Council Member Bobzien to support SB51 and issue a letter of support to the Majority Leaders and the Members of the Committee.

Motion carried with Council Member Jardon absent.

Mr. Gilles discussed the status of AB190, which would create a defined Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) contribution plan for employees hired after July 1, 2016; require the PERS Board to annually report, distribute and post information concerning the defined contribution plan and to estimate and post the estimated unfunded liability for employees of the State and local governments; and require local government employers to make additional contributions to PERS to reduce the unfunded liability.

Discussion ensued regarding this unfunded mandate, and the potential pf over-funding PERS were everyone to actually pay it.

Council Member McKenzie suggested that the Council oppose AB190, but no action was taken.

Details of the pros and cons of PERS contributions were discussed.

Mr. Gilles discussed Senate Bill (SB) 70, which proposes changes to the open meeting laws and their enforcement, and concerns of the City Attorney's Office about the practical implementation of a certification requirement and posting requirements for meeting audios and videos.

Council Member Duerr discussed the difficulty of posting the minutes of a meeting within 30 days.

Mr. Gilles discussed SB71, the Home Rule Bill with 'more teeth', that would allow a City Council to amend their own Charter based on a super majority two-thirds vote following a majority approval by the Charter Committee of those new amendments. He said that while most cities and the League of Cities support the Bill, the general consensus is that the Bill will not go anywhere because the Committee is not interested in pushing it forward.

Mr. Gilles said that hearings on SB47 and SB66, City of Henderson Bills related to development issues, have not yet been scheduled, and amendments that would not negatively impact the City of Reno are under consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the City's Graffiti Bill.

The Council Members requested information at the next meeting with respect to SB272, proposes a change to the County line; AB25, the Residential Construction Tax Bill; potential reforms of the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Board of Directors; and room tax levies designed to further the RSCVA's mission.

Council Member Bobzien requested that the Nevada Resort Association (NRA) be invited to discuss with the Council the proposed increase in the \$2 Capital Projects Surcharge.

## **6 Public Comment**

Jeff Church, RenoPublicSafety.org, discussed SB185 regarding automatic aid.

## **7 Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:16 P.M.